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RECALL OF DUMBA TO COME SOON

Austrian Government to Summon Envoy to U. S. for "Consultation"—Capital Understands That He Will Not Be Returned to This Country.

Secretary Lansing, Preparing for Vacation, Has Long Conference With President on All Phases of International Problems That Have Arisen.

Washington, Sept. 17.—The Austrian government intends to recall Ambassador Dumba for consultation, according to intimations given to Ambassador Penfield when he delivered the note from the United States asking for the return of the ambassador to Austria.

Such an arrangement, which is in accord with Ambassador Dumba's own request for recall on leave of absence, is satisfactory to the American government. It is understood, however, that Mr. Dumba would not return to the United States at the expiration of his leave of absence. The purpose of these arrangements, it is understood, is to cause an interruption in the diplomatic relations between the two governments, the change being looked upon as a personal affair.

PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HOLD LONG CONFERENCE

Washington, Sept. 17.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing had a general conference on international affairs today just before the secretary left for a 10-day vacation. No pressing developments in any of the situations confronting the United States are expected before Mr. Lansing's return.

Mr. Lansing announced that the new note to Great Britain on interference with American trade had been completed. The note is very long and has been in preparation for some time. Its dispatch has been delayed not only on account of a desire to gather complete information but because the United States was unwilling, while the negotiations with Germany were at a critical point, to be placed in the position of being forced to protest to Great Britain in order to obtain a sequence by Germany in the viewpoint of the United States on submarine questions.

It is not believed that the note will go until some definite word is received from Berlin on Germany's position in the submarine cases.

One of the most interesting features of the note is said to be the American government's vigorous objection to the British government's attitude toward the burden of proof rests upon the owners or shippers of cargoes, the United States holding that it is the duty of the British government to prove the guilt of the shipper.

HEAT POSTPONES OPENING SESSION OF HIGH COURT

For the first time in the history of Fairfield county, a court opening has been postponed because of the heat. When Judge Scott of the common pleas court this morning held a short calendar session and asked lawyers to proceed with the assignment of cases a motion was made to have no cases assigned for next week but to postpone matters until a week later. This motion was carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS PLAN TO INSPECT HIGHWAY

The county commissioners will go to Weston next Monday or Tuesday to inspect the road about which townspeople have complained. Those who filed a petition with the commissioners said the road, which runs from Nassau bridge to the Easton line, is in very bad condition. First Selectman Lockwood admitted the road needed repairs but said the men who were hired to fix it was too busy having to look after the matter.

TORRINGTON SHOP OFFERS SHORTER WORKING HOURS

Torrington, Sept. 17.—The Turner & Seymour Manufacturing Co. today announced that it had adopted a working schedule of 55 hours per week and had decided to pay time and a half for overtime. The wage system had been recently adjusted. The strike situation at the Hendey Machine plant remains unchanged. A large proportion of the strikers participated in a parade through the principal streets last night previous to a benefit dance.

BANK EMBEZZLER ADMITS CHARGES; HELD FOR TRIAL

Former Mayor Burton Pleads Guilty to Taking More Than \$36,000—Is Member of Prominent Stratford Family and Relative of Business and Social Lights of Town—Thefts Occurred During Period of 15 Years, Bank Commissioner Finds.

(Special to The Farmer)

Ansonia, Sept. 17.—Former Mayor Franklin Burton pleaded guilty this morning in the city court to embezzling \$36,000 from the Ansonia Savings bank. He was bound over to the superior court of New Haven county under bonds of \$10,000, which were furnished by W. A. Nelson, the youngest and most recent addition to the staff of the savings bank directors.

Burton, it was learned today, is a member of a prominent Stratford family and is related to many persons of social and business standing there. While crowds surrounded the bank this morning, they didn't make any disturbance and the demonstrated reliability of the bank officials allayed fear. Fifty firemen were sworn in last night by Mayor Schumacher as special policemen and they patrolled the neighborhood of the building today.

Mr. Nelson announced this morning that he is ready to back the reliability of the bank to the extent of \$100,000 and he offered to buy all accounts at face value. Many of them sold for 90 cents on the dollar, however.

Bank Commissioner E. J. Sturges began an investigation of the company's books today. The embezzlement is said to have taken place over a period of 15 years and it will require several weeks to complete the examination.

Franklin Burton was born in Stratford, September 10, 1851. His ancestors for several generations before him were born in and lived in the old town. Burton is connected by ties of relationship with more than a dozen of the first and oldest families in the town. The news of the difficulty in which he is involved created a great sensation in the old town and is the foremost topic of gossip here today.

Burton was educated at Stratford Academy and entered the drugstore of Samuel H. Brush in Derby, in 1868, where he remained until 1872. He was a bookkeeper in the office of Osborn & Cheesman company, brass manufacturers, from 1872 to 1883, teller of the Derby Savings Bank from 1883 to 1888 and has been secretary and treasurer of the Savings Bank of Ansonia since 1888.

He was clerk of the board of warden and burgesses, borough of Ansonia, and auditor of the city of Ansonia in 1893-94. He was elected mayor of Ansonia in 1897 and served another term, which expired in December of last year. He was a candidate at the last election and was defeated by the Democratic candidate.

Mr. Burton served as senator from the Seventh District in the General Assembly of 1901 and was a representative at the session of 1897, when he served on the committee on banks. In 1899, he served as chairman of the

AUTO HURTTLES THROUGH FENCE ON MILFORD TURNPIKE; DRIVER DIES FROM INJURIES RECEIVED

New Haven, Sept. 17.—John F. Crowe, aged 25, died at the hospital today from injuries received early today when the automobile he was driving on the Milford turnpike about at the Orange Milford line, ran into a fence. A few facts were obtainable by the coroner or medical examiner during the morning.

It is understood Crowe was running the machine without lights. He was headed for New Haven on his own side of the highway and turned to avoid a wagon which was approaching. He apparently turned too abruptly. The only evidence at the scene was the broken fence. Crowe had been employed by a local firm as a chauffeur.

WOMAN DOPE F CLTUS KING SAYS HE IS ON ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH AMERICA

"Clitus King, may be in South America" according to Mrs. Adeline Davis who recently appeared before State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings to relate her experiences with the delinquent attorney and ask for a warrant for his arrest.

"I was furnished with the address of King," said Mrs. Davis today, "and I knew where he was on Labor Day. Though I made every effort in this

U. S. CONSUL REPORTS ON CARGO SEIZURES

Washington, Sept. 17.—Reporting to the state department today on the British prize court decision declaring \$15,000,000 worth of American packers' products forfeited to the crown, Consul-General Skinner at London, sent the following despatch:

"Prize court decisions given against American packing houses sustains the order in council. Based largely on refusal of claimants to accept the burden of proof and demonstrate innocent destination."

UNKNOWN SPY EXECUTED

London, Sept. 17.—It was officially announced that a spy, name not given, was executed here today after a trial.

DURKIN & LAAS LOSE CONTRACT FOR B. H. S. JOB

Failure to Resume Work Today Causes Abrogation, Says City Attorney.

SURETY CO. BOND TO PROTECT CITY

May Be Month's Delay Before Contract to Finish Job is Awarded.

Durkin & Laas will not complete the new high school. Their contract is broken because of their failure to resume work today. City Attorney Comley said today that \$30,000, the cost of completing the masonry and other parts of the structure, still unfinished, would be taken from \$40,000 which is still in the city treasury and due the firm, or from the \$80,000 bond which the firm furnished from the Surety Co. of Hartford.

When the firm recently stopped work on the building because it either would not or could not secure materials with which to complete the structure, a special meeting of the building committee for the school was hurriedly called and the advice of the city attorney sought. The latter advised President Havens of the board to give Miss Alice Durkin, senior member of the firm of Durkin & Laas, until today to resume building operations.

No work was done up to today and City Attorney Comley today advised President Havens that the contract with Durkin & Laas had been abrogated by the act of that firm and that the board need make no further payments to that company. James J. Rogers, architect of the building, has been notified and is expected in Bridgeport soon to confer with President Havens and other members of the board. A special meeting will probably be called and bids advertised for on the completion of the work.

Many vexatious delays have occurred since the work started due to the fact that the contractors did not make their payments promptly. Even the contractors who did the cellar excavation were obliged to attach the money due Durkin & Laas from the city.

At present Richard H. Murphy is acting as trustee for those who furnished the material to Durkin & Laas and paying them for material furnished before handing any percentage to the firm.

It would appear that nearly everything that was contracted for has been used up in the building and the firm is unable, even with Mr. Murphy acting as trustee, to get credit for materials to finish the job.

How soon the work would be resumed President Havens said would be up to Architect Rogers. He said it might take a month before work could be made for the completion of the work.

TROOPSHIP IS SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Vienna, Sept. 17.—An Austrian submarine commanded by Lieut. Von Trapp, torpedoed and sank a large British transport a few days ago in the North Atlantic, according to announcement made here today.

Berlin, Sept. 17.—Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's forces which have flanked Vienna and are cutting the road between those cities, have made a further advance to the east.

The war office announced today the capture of Vidzy, about 35 miles south of Dyinsk.

PETROGRAD ADMITS RUSSIANS' DEFEAT

London, Sept. 17.—Petrograd admits the Russians are falling back in the direction of Pinsk, capture of which was announced yesterday by the Germans. Occupation of this town by the invaders may be expected to facilitate greatly the progress of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces through the Priest marshes.

Owing to the prorogation of the Duma, domestic affairs are occupying the attention of the Russians. The effect of this incident on the military situation is feared as is indicated by the proclamation of General Ruzik, Russian commander in the north, calling upon workmen not to slacken their efforts to keep the army supplied with munitions.

Although no official reports have been received recently from French or German sources, severe fighting seems to be under way again in the Gallipoli front. The Turks, according to their reports, have made other successful attacks in the region of Anafarta. Athens and Rome continue to send out reports that the defensive power of the Turks is weakening but no official news has been received in confirmation.

Despatches from Greece express the belief that Turkey and Bulgaria have definitely reached an agreement but in the near east it is not believed that this will lead to actual participation in the war by Bulgaria on the side of the central powers.

Artillery combats continue on the western front. The German reply to French guns is growing in intensity.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Saturday; slightly lower temperature. Moderate west winds.

STRIKERS IN THREE SHOPS TURN DOWN EMPLOYERS' OFFER

GIRL OF TEN, A NOVICE AT SWIMMING, RESCUES SISTER FROM DROWNING

Diving into the swiftly running tide at Fancher's dock, ten-year-old Mildred Moriarty, youngest of a party of twenty bathers, saved her twelve-year-old sister, Helen, from drowning late yesterday afternoon. The bathers, all children of the members of the Black Rock Outing club, were returning from Fayerweather's Island, where they had had a picnic.

Helen Moriarty, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Moriarty, of 593 Ellsworth street, was attempting to ascend a ladder from a row boat to the top of Fancher's dock. The channel between the island and the landing is very narrow at that point. Several persons have been drowned there in attempting the crossing when the tide was nearly full or at first ebb. The tide was running out swiftly yesterday when the party crossed in a rowboat. There was one grown woman in the boat, one boy, Eddie Renard, 19, of Ellsworth street and a number of girls and boys, among them the Moriarty children. Helen can hardly swim and Mildred learned to swim this summer. Renard, who fished, tied it to the landing and then ascending the ladder first began helping up the children.

As Mildred essayed to climb her left foot slipped on the sea moss with which the ladder is coated and she struck her ankle bone a sharp blow. The pain caused momentary faintness and releasing her hold she dropped

REVOLVERS FREE WHEN POLICE, IN AUTO, CHASE BURGLARS IN EAST SIDE

Revolver shots terrorized residents of lower Stratford avenue just before dawn today, when a posse of policemen in an automobile pursued and captured one of two yegs who had attempted to burglarize stores at 371 and 372 Stratford avenue.

Several shots were fired by policemen as the careening motor car shot over Stratford avenue in pursuit of the burglars, who fled at the first warning of their detection. One of the burglars was nabbed at the point of a gun by Policeman Frederick L. Feeley as he was climbing a fence separating the Noble estate from Ann street extension.

The other marauder made his escape. At police headquarters, this morning, the prisoner said he is Samuel Leonard, a longshoreman, recently arrived here on a tramp steamer from New York. He denied that he was on a burglarizing mission, and refused to tell the name of his "pal" who escaped.

The police are scouring the city for trace of the fugitive. They believe Leonard and his unknown "pal" are part of a gang of harbor pirates who are held responsible for many raids on small boats in the local harbor. Leonard is being held for further investigation.

Mrs. Frank W. Fisher, who lives above the store of Morris Butler, 371 Stratford avenue, notified the police at 4 o'clock this morning that two men were trying to gain entrance to the store. Next door in the jewelry store of Ivor Lederer, and access could be easily gained from one store to another, it was said.

Five policemen—Patrolmen Suponski, Kearney, Feeley, Cassidy and Kelly—were piled into the police department touring car and shot across the lower bridge at a terrific clip. The car spotted the car and immediately fled. East on Stratford avenue the marauders fled, the police car in hot pursuit. Commands to stop were unheeded by the fugitives, and finally the police revolvers began to bark.

The burglars separated. One disappeared completely in the shrubbery of the Noble estate. The police picked up the trail of the other and he was nabbed by Policeman Feeley, who held him up at the point of a gun.

U. S. TROOPS AND MEXICANS BATTLE

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 17.—Another fight between United States soldiers and Mexicans was reported today. About 500 shots were fired. The cavalrymen had gone to the river to investigate the shooting of a Mexican's horse on the American side.

BRIDGEPORT FIRM SUE FOR GOODS PURCHASED

The Bridgeport Die & Machine Co. of this city has been sued by the Worcester Gear Works of Worcester, Mass., for \$200. It is alleged that the local concern owes \$118.89 for goods purchased. The action is returnable to the common pleas court, October term.

GRAND ARMY MEN HERE TO ATTEND ENCAMPMENT

The Grand Army encampment at Washington, D. C., September 27 to October 2, will be well attended by Bridgeport members of the G. A. R. If railroad records are to be relied upon, it was learned today that nearly 75 residents of this city have applied for rates under the railroad's excursion period.

ASSAULT CASE CONTINUED

Walter L. Ray of 108 Pacific street, was arraigned before Judge Bartlett in city court this morning charged with assault on the person of Walter Johnson, a foreman at the Remington U. M. C. plant. Johnson failed to appear in city court and the case was continued until tomorrow under bonds of \$25.

Reject Terms of Canfield Company When Overtime Demands and Recognition of Shop Committee Employees Are Not Met By President.

Siemon Hard Rubber Co. Employees Vote to Continue Strike When Company Presents Unsatisfactory Offer—Graphophone Strike May End Soon.

Conferences yesterday between three employers and the committees from their factories failed to settle strikes that have been in progress for some time.

The workmen today turned down all the offers because they did not incorporate all they asked.

Strikes will be continued, as a result, at the Canfield Rubber Co., the Star Shirt Co. and the Siemon Hard Rubber Co.

A. H. Canfield, president of the H. O. Canfield Co., offered the committee of employees an agreement that contained concessions of the eight hour day and 12 1-2 per cent. increase. No overtime adjustments were allowed and in reply to the request for a grievance committee, the usual preliminary answer—that the way to the president's office is always open—was received.

At the meeting of the Canfield employees today, these offers were not accepted. Twenty-five per cent. had been asked instead of 12 1-2 per cent. Time and one-half for overtime and double time on Sundays and holidays is vital, say the employees, because the eight hour day would have no significance, if they work two hours overtime for nothing. They insist that a foreman can "hire and fire" no individual wants to go to the president with his grievance and they insist on a grievance committee for self-protection.

Ten women workers of the Canfield trimming department quit this morning and joined the strikers.

At the meeting of the American Graphophone Co. employees this morning, the workers were optimistic that a speedy settlement will soon be made by the company because orders are piling up at the factory.

The Graphophone Co. has contracts with many publishing houses for putting out new songs on ten cent records. One man can turn out 800 of these in a day. As the company receives a list of the new songs 30 days before they are released, and has a month in which to turn out the records, the workers insist that it is a "hot work" is piling up at the factory. The issue of September 1, is more than a week behind time, and thousands of dollars are being lost.

So strict is the employees' committee regarding keeping the peace, that despite the number of pickets around the factory every morning, not one man or woman has addressed President P. T. Dodge, although his car has driven past them hundreds of times. Not only do the workers refuse the charge of President Dodge that some of them left the factory because they feared violence, but arrangements are being made this afternoon to send each employee to his home as soon as he receives his pay envelope.

The Star Shirt Co. employees held a meeting this morning. A committee met Superintendent Thomas Purdy but nothing tangible developed.

The Siemon Hard Rubber Co. employees turned down an offer of the 50-hour week with 60 hours' pay, this morning. They met Carl Siemon yesterday, but he refused the shop committee recognition, refused overtime rates and wage increases. The workmen are merely waiting for further offers.

A mass meeting of corset cutters will be held at 8 o'clock tonight in Eagle's hall.

According to Henry Sipos, an organizer of the Hungarian-speaking persons, the women corset makers of the Crane plant are ready to strike again. He said they received a cut in wages, since they returned to work.

The grievance committee of the Bryant Electric Co. employees called on the factory officials this afternoon to determine why one of their number, discharged for activity in the union, had been let go. If a satisfactory answer is not received, a mass meeting of the employees will be called to consider the matter.

The machinists and tool makers of the American Tube & Stamping Co. will meet at 3 o'clock Thursday night in Machinists' hall for the purpose of completing their organization.

400 STRIKE AT NEW HAVEN

New Haven, Sept. 17.—About 400 men and women employees of the rubber factory of L. Candee & Company struck today for an increase in wages. Some disorder, incident to the walk-out, was quelled by the police, who dispersed the strikers.

All Submarines of "F" Type Ordered Out of Commission

Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary Daniels today ordered all submarines of the F type out of commission until a thorough examination of them can be made. His action was taken upon the report of the board of inquiry investigating the sinking of the F-4 at Honolulu on March 25, which ascribes the disaster to a battery explosion. The F-1, F-2 and F-3 probably will be brought under convoy to the Mare Island navy yard for examination.